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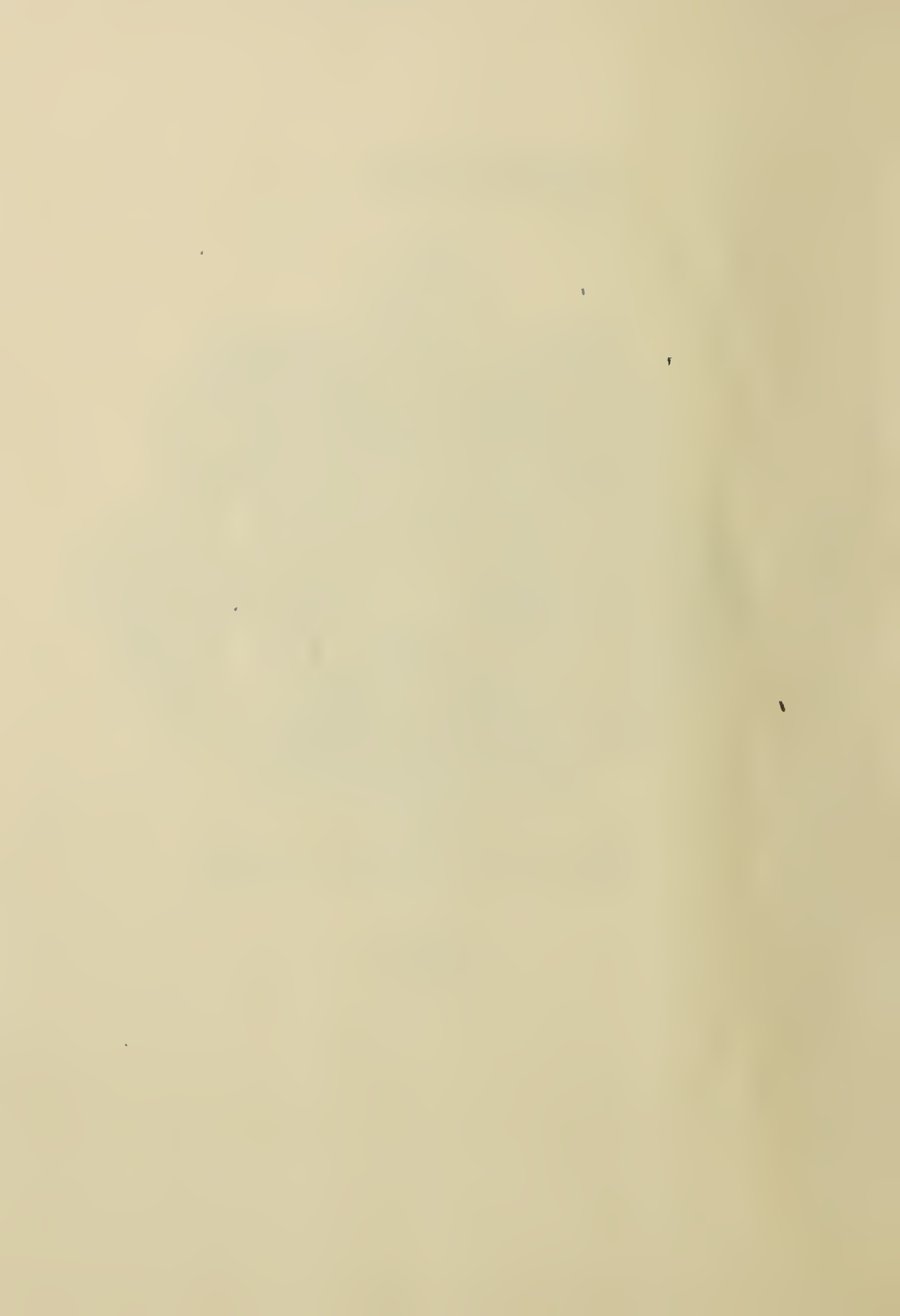
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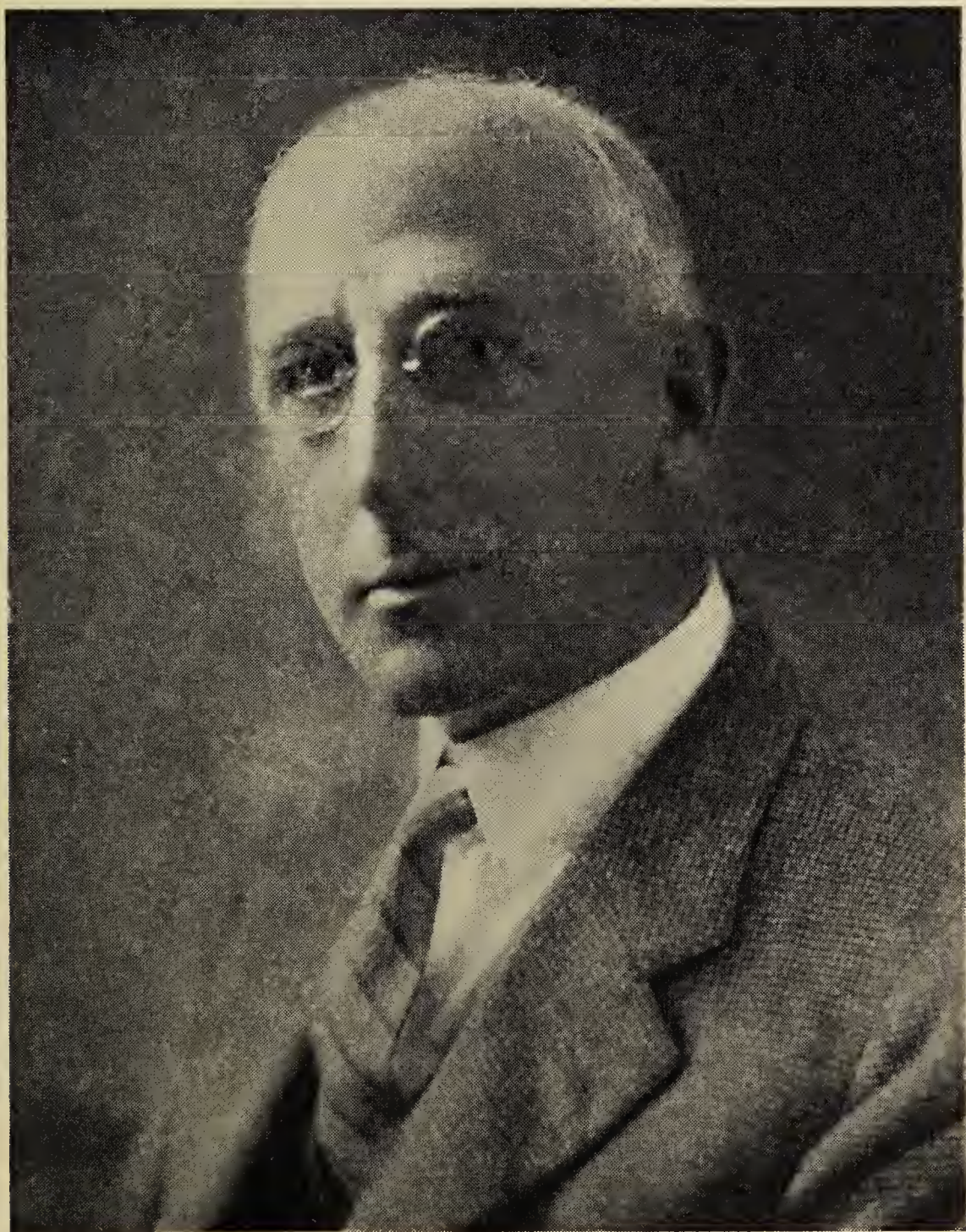
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Look not mournfully into the past
It comes not back again.
Wisely conserve the present, it is thine.
Go forth to meet the shadowy future
With a brave heart and an un-
faltering trust in God.

—*Unknown Bard.*



Preface.

After completing the accompanying record of the THOMAS DAVIS family, to the best of my ability from the data available, it occurred to me that it might be in order to offer some excuse for my untimely invasion into the literary field at this late period of life.

When I recall, however, that a genealogical history of a family is less of a literary effort than the mere compendium of historical facts and dates, I have but slight fear of being precipitated from any great literary height to which I might be accused of trying to attain.

The dictionary defines "genealogy" as the science that treats of tracing pedigrees, and "genealogist" as one skilled in tracing pedigrees or genealogies.

In this, my maiden effort in the field of the above science, I arrogate to myself nothing of the proficiency defined as belonging to a "genealogist"; describing myself merely as one who is a tyro in the game, but who, in recent years, has recognized the great importance of keeping family records accurate and up to date while, at the same time, digging into the records of past years, wherever possible, in order to establish a positive line of descent from prior generations to the present.

In the short time that I have been thus interested, I have found it a most fascinating and intriguing subject and well worth the time and effort expended.

While, as yet, I have made slow progress in my research for ancestors dating back prior to my paternal grandfather, Thomas Davis, the fact that there were such ancestors and that they left records, somewhere, is ample reason for continuing the search. Thomas Davis was a Virginian, born on July 26, 1782.

I have been fortunate in having met, in recent months, a kindred spirit in the person of a local genealogist of high repute and outstanding ability, who compiled her own DAVIS family history covering twelve generations. This laborious and painstaking work required more than twenty years of research and culminated in the publication in book form of a very handsomely bound volume, which it has been my pleasure to read and study. The name of Thomas Davis appears many times in that publication, but I could find no clue whereby any of them could have been ancestors or descendants of my grandfather, Thomas Davis.

The author of the above mentioned volume has also written a most interesting and instructive pamphlet urging people to take more interest in their family genealogy and to trace their lines of descent back as far as possible.

It was pointed out in that pamphlet that after a period of twelve generations, each of us would have acquired 8190 progenitors—an unbelievable and fantastic figure

to most of us, but which is easily verified by applying the well known mathematical formula of geometrical progression.

Since each of us has 2 parents, 4 grandparents and 8 grandparents, or 14 in all, how many of us know anything of the remaining 8176 of our pioneer ancestors—the mothers and fathers of previous generations, all members of the present day Thomas Davis family, for instance.

Quoting again from the above mentioned pamphlet:—One great grandfather, born in 1809, was the father of 15 children, by one wife, and one more by a 2nd wife. The blood descendants of this one man today number some 700 people.

A blood descendant is one having the blood of the father in his veins. A woman who marries a blood descendant is not a blood descendant herself, but her children are. Her family becomes an allied branch of her husband's family.

A generation is regarded roughly as a period of twenty-five years, or four generations to a century; therefore twelve generations would represent about three hundred years.

The greater part of the colonization of this great continent of ours was by the peoples of various European countries, who came over between the years 1650 and 1700, about twelve generations ago.

Family records, as a rule, were well kept in most foreign countries in early days, but not so in this country. In many cases it is difficult and often impossible to trace ancestries for this period in America. Those who can do so are most fortunate in many ways, including their eligibility to membership in the various patriotic and military organizations of Colonial times, many of which are still in existence and to which it is a privilege, honor and distinction to belong. Most of these organizations date back to the Revolution, Colonial Wars and even to Mayflower Days.

I am unable, as yet, to find any record of the parents, brothers, sisters, or other ancestors, of my grandfather Thomas Davis, identified as #1 in attached GENEALOGY RECORD.

As a young boy, I recall hearing my mother, Elizabeth Julia (Gosling) Davis (9), say that my father, William Henry Davis (3), had made a trip to Virginia in order to take possession of an inheritance left to him by a deceased uncle, one Merritt Davis, a brother, perhaps, of Thomas Davis (1).

Whether Merritt Davis was his full name, when and where he was born, died and buried, or if married and leaving descendants, I have no knowledge or records of any kind—only the hearsay evidence of my mother in talking to her children and in answer to our inquiry as

to the middle name of our brother, Charles Merritt Davis (14).

It may be fair to assume that Merritt Davis died prior to October 12, 1866, the date of birth of my brother, Charles Merritt Davis, and that my parents (3-9), in grateful recognition of the generosity of the said Merritt Davis, decided to bestow on their new-born son the name of their benefactor.

All the above, however, is pure conjecture and is not substantiated by any vestige of fact.

I have in my possession the Thomas Davis family Bible, a volume 7"x10"x2" of some 760 odd pages—the first 32 pages and the last 6 or 8 pages now being missing. Otherwise the book is in excellent condition, with heavy cardboard cover and binding of embossed and tooled brown leather. The title page indicates it was published by Robinson, Pratt & Co., 63 Wall Street, New York, 1840, and bears the title:—

Polyglott Bible.

An unusual incident in connection with the above place and date, is the fact that in 1940, just 100 years after the date of publication of above Bible, my son, Shelby Cullom Davis (17), a member of the New York Stock Exchange situated corner Broad and Wall Streets, occupied an office

on the 14th floor of a 30-story office building known as 61-63 Wall Street, the former site of the print shop of 109 years ago.

The Davis family records appear on four pages of said Bible in the customary space between the Old and New Testaments, being between pages 581 and 585, and consist of 36 entries, recording 6 marriages, 18 births and 12 deaths. The first entry being of the marriage of Thomas Davis and Eliza (Stevenson) Davis on 20th November, 1828 and the last entry of the death of Eliza Davis (#2) Oct. 8, 1887, the latter being recorded in the handwriting of my father (3), while the other entries are all in ink in the handwriting of my grandmother #2.

Included in the 36 entries are the births, marriages and deaths of six children, presumably of Thomas Davis by his first wife, and also of the date of death of an Elizabeth Davis Dec. 29, 1827, age 38 years, which I believe establishes the fact of a first marriage. Beyond the Bible record of the children of 1st marriage I have no information at all.

I am including herein a complete list of the 36 entries to be found in the Thomas Davis family Bible as above noted, and have attached same as Page A following the Genealogy Record.

It is unfortunate that we have no information or records pertaining to the parents of Thomas Davis, or any of his ancestors.

With such information at hand it might be possible to run the ancestry back several generations further and bring to light, in the process, some member of the Davis family who had served with distinction in the Revolutionary or the Colonial Wars, or even who might have come over in the good ship Mayflower in 1620, or even, perchance, with one Cristobal Colon in 1492.

Getting out of the air and off the seas and on to the land again with the Polyglott Bible, I think it quite understandable that no mention is made therein of Thomas Davis' first marriage. Since the entries therein begin with the 2nd marriage, it at least presents the reasonable deduction that it was intended to contain the date of this marriage as well as complete vital statistics of the issue resulting.

It had no concern of a first marriage, although it does record chronologically the births, marriages and deaths resulting from this union. It may be fair to assume that Thomas Davis may have recorded the same in the family Bible belonging to his father, which might have been in possession of Thomas at that time.

The history of this Bible is of some interest.

On the death of Thomas Davis in Shelbyville in 1846, his widow moved to Peoria with her five children where she died in 1878. At Peoria resided her married sister, Mary Stevenson Gray who had been born in Ireland.

The Bible then went to her son William (3) who died in 1880, whereupon his sister Mrs. Sarah McDougal (6) came into possession of it until her death in 1923 when her son Robert (35) possessed it until his death in 1941, whereupon his widow, Elizabeth McDougal (43), presented the Bible to me, as the oldest member of the Davis clan in Peoria.

I also have a family Bible which belonged to my parents in which is recorded their marriage and the records of their children, carried down now to include their grandchildren and great grandchildren.

This is a large volume, like those of 75 years ago, about the size of an unabridged dictionary, which always reposed peacefully on a small walnut table in a corner of the parlor. Each Sunday, after the regular noon dinner, the small fry of the family had the rare privilege of entering the sacred and dimly lighted confines of the parlor, there to gaze in wonder, awe, and admiration, and with some degree of reverence, I hope, on the Biblical pictures with which the Bible was so profusely illustrated.

The above remarks are made not in any irreverent or sacrilegious spirit but, on the contrary, with a desire to show that the teachings acquired in childhood days will last throughout one's life, no matter how long the latter may be.

I had hoped to be able to add something in the way of a brief history of our pioneering ancestors, but unfortu-

nately nothing of that nature has turned up in my miscellaneous and fragmentary assortment of data obtained mostly from Bibles, birthday books (of a later generation), and like sources of information, much of which is in the form of penciled notations on envelopes, scraps of paper, etc.

It would be interesting to follow the life of Thomas Davis from his birth in 1782 in Virginia to his death in Tennessee in 1846, and compare it in relation to the growth of the country during the same period of time. This represents a period of 64 years during which time the country increased in size from the 13 original States in 1776 to the area between the Atlantic ocean and Mississippi river and Canada to Spanish Florida, with subsequent increases in area extending to the Pacific ocean by 1846. What was happening to Thomas Davis in this time?

How long did he remain in the town in which he was born? Why did he leave the ancestral home? Did he make the trek to Tennessee with his parents or wife? Replies to these, and many other questions of like nature, would be helpful in piecing out a life of which so little is now available.

Making such a trip in those early days was a matter of enduring many hardships, being harassed by Indians, suffering from hunger and sickness, exposed to all sorts of weather, fording almost impassable streams, attacks

from wild beasts, and many other dangers of which we of the present era have no conception. Our ancestors were made of sturdy stock, inured to privation and the vicissitudes of life and were able to carry on where others might have failed.

During a recent summer it was my great privilege and pleasure to accompany my son, Shelby Cullom Davis (17) and his wife and two children, on a motor trip into New England.

We left their home in Tarrytown, N. Y., and journeyed northward along the eastern border of New York state to Hillsdale a small village near the Massachusetts line close to the Berkshires.

We stopped at Hillsdale for a most pleasant two hour visit at the delightful and hospitable home of the Misses Genie and Lucie Wallace, whose mother was a first cousin to my mother. They formerly lived in New York City where I had met them many years ago.

We talked of families and I casually mentioned having recently started a Davis family record but had made no progress prior to the time of my grandfather, Thomas Davis, 1782-1846.

They informed me that a cousin of theirs, Mr. Davis Harrington Morris, was greatly interested in Davis genealogy and had compiled quite a large amount of data, which they believed was very complete and extended back

for many generations. They gave me his address and after we had returned from our trip Shelby wrote to Mr. Morris from New York City telling him of our visit to the Wallace sisters, from whom we had received his address. Mr. Morris replied most graciously to Shelby's letter giving much information on Davis genealogy. I have written Mr. Morris in reply to his letter to Shelby, and hope that in time something relative to the parents of our Thomas Davis will be uncovered, thus adding to my scanty list of forebears.

On the same trip we came quite unexpectedly to the very small village of Pelham, some five miles east of Amherst, Mass., to which village an ancestor of my wife, Julia (Cullom) Davis (15),—a Capt. Henry Kingman, born at Bridgewater,—had migrated and that he or his wife had been buried there. It proved to be his wife for we soon discovered her headstone, on which was inscribed and still plainly legible, the following:

“In Memory of Mrs. Anna Kingman, wife of Capt. Henry Kingman, died May 17, 1811, in the 40th year of her life”.

This date corresponds with the date found on various papers my wife had of her ancestors—and it was through her being a lineal descendant (great, great grand-daughter) of Mathew Kingman (1732-1809), the father of Capt. Henry Kingman, that she qualified for membership into the D. A. R. Peoria Chapter.

There were many graves in the old portion of the cemetery, the lettering on most of the headstones being entirely obliterated, as they were of white marble or limestone, while that of Mrs. Anna Kingman was of slate and well preserved.

I mention the above merely to draw attention to the importance of recording in Bibles not only the places of birth and death but also of burial—as I have tried to do in my record, to the extent of my knowledge.

And now a few last words in bringing to a belated close this very voluminous, and to most of you, no doubt, this most uninteresting and useless record, which I finish, however, with a feeling of great reluctance as I contemplate, in retrospect, the futility of my efforts.

If this effusion meets the approval of but one of your number I will feel fully and completely rewarded for any effort I have made.

It has been truly and sincerely a labor of love and devotion to those dear ones of long ago, who by their constant and untiring care and attention endowed us with strength of character and body which have enabled us to carry on successfully.

While I never knew or saw either of my two grandfathers, I did know and do remember my two grandmothers.

To have recorded the two generations prior to my own would have been a simple and easy matter, largely because of the paucity of data.

The compiling of the three later generations involved no discouraging hardships. Progress was made easy only by the full and free cooperation of the younger generations which, I am happy to say, was given most graciously and as promptly as consistent accuracy would permit.

For all of this fine help and cooperation from each of you I am very grateful and appreciative and extend my most cordial thanks.

Your help has made possible whatever merit may attach to this maiden effort of mine.

I also wish to extend my grateful thanks to the Misses Eugenia and Lucia Wallace of Hillsdale, N. Y. for their interest, aid and helpful suggestions: also to Mr. Davis Harrington Morris, of Paxton, Mass., for his splendid and most informative letter with its wealth of Davis, Harrington, Morris and Gosling data, together with his implied proffer of help in trying to extricate this branch of the Davis clan from its perilous position on the crags of antiquity, to a firmer footing in the world of today; also to my two cousins Nellie Louise (62) and her sister Vida (64), each of whom did yeomen service, with painstaking care, in relaying to me the data covering the latter's children and grandchildren, all of whom now

reside in far away Sydney, Australia, where Vida and her deceased husband (76) removed some 30 years ago from the good old U. S. A.

Finally to my sons, George and Shelby, whose constant encouragement and inspiration during the frequent periods when progress seemed about to stop, has made it possible for me to carry this work on to its more or less successful conclusion, I am grateful to you both beyond words of expression.

I can add no greater tribute to all of you for your helpful assistance than to quote the famous toast attributed by Washington Irving to his inimitable and lovable character, Rip Van Winkle:

“Here’s to your good health;
And to your family’s good health—
And may you all live long and prosper”.

GEORGE H. DAVIS.

On the Occasion
of my 85th Birthday—
November 10, 1949.

Post Script.

After working on this project for a number of years without success in discovering the ancestry of Thomas Davis, I feel now that I have received a last minute reprieve. After this entire book had been set up in galley proof and on the very day before final printing was to

begin, I am the recipient of splendid news. It is almost as if a modern Paul Revere had come in just the nick of time.

My "Paul Reveres" in this instance are two southern ladies, expert genealogists, living in Washington and Richmond respectively. They joined the search for the ancestors of Thomas Davis on the recommendation of the New York Genealogical Society to whom my son Shelby had gone in an effort to obtain the very best assistance and counsel available. These good ladies have worked diligently during recent weeks in a last minute endeavor to discover the missing link to Thomas Davis' past. And, carrying the analogy of Paul Revere one step further, one of these ladies mounted her automobile and headed out of Richmond for the Court Houses of Mecklenburg and Brunswick Counties of Virginia.

The fruits of this eleventh hour flight into the past are now before my eyes. It would be an understatement to say that they are pleasing to me. More to the truth, I have been feasting upon these heretofore unrevealed disclosures which have brought me great happiness in this twilight of my life for they mean that my long search and work of many years has not been in vain.

Thomas Davis, it has now been revealed by a detailed search of the Mecklinburg and Brunswick County Court Houses, was the son of Benjamin Davis who was born in Virginia and died in 1817 in Brunswick County. Thomas

Davis had four brothers: William, Merritt, Henry and Benjamin, as well as three sisters.

Merritt Davis was the uncle of my father, William Henry Davis, who went from Peoria, Illinois to Mecklenburg County, Virginia to possess himself of an inheritance from the Merritt Davis estate. It was my mother's recollection of this trip which she related to her three teen-age children, which provided the clue for the researchers.

Brunswick County was thoroughly searched and the will of Merritt Davis was discovered. In this will Merritt Davis, who was at date of writing this will an aged man, makes disposition of a very large estate. He left no wife or child but devised his estate to his brothers and sisters and to their children some of whom were then married. The bequests in this will are briefly as follows:

To Edward Clayton and his wife Eliza

(This Eliza was a niece of the testator. Daughter of his brother Wm. Davis, dec'd.)

Loans of slaves were made by this will to viz:

Theophans Seymour, wife of John Seymour
and then to be divided among the said Theophans' children.

To Euphemia Gee, wife of Jessee Gee and afterward to their children

To Adelia Vaiden and after her death to her children.

These three persons, Theophans, Euphemia and Adelia would be the sisters of the testator. One of these sisters was a widow, and the Henry M. Vaiden named as a trustee would be her son.

The balance of the property not otherwise devised was to be sold and the money to be used as follows:

To restore the grave yard at his father's old place.

The residue to be divided into three parts and one third of this to be given to his brother Benjamin Davis, one third part to be given to his brother Henry Davis' son John Davis, and the other third part to be given to his brother Thomas Davis' children by his second wife.

In this last clause we find the inheritance which my father Wm. H. Davis had from his uncle Merritt Davis. According to bonds the Merritt Davis estate was shown as \$75,000, a very fine estate for that day. So Wm. H. Davis received a nice legacy.

This will informs us that Thomas Davis, born in 1782, had the following brothers: Wm. Davis, dec'd before 1851, Benjamin Davis, living 1851, Henry Davis, probably deceased as his son is given a third part, and Thomas Davis, deceased, who had children by a second wife.

As we have the will of the brother Wm. Davis, which names his daughter Elizabeth, wife of Edward Clayton, we know that this Davis was a niece of the testator, Merritt Davis and that she had children. The devisee Adelia

Vaiden is a widow, and it is her son who is a trustee named in the first clause of the will and as one of her children will come into her share of this estate at her death.

The brother named Thomas had died in 1846 leaving children by his second wife, Eliza Stevenson, and it was their son and my Father who went on to claim his father's share in this estate. We find from other records that the father of Merritt Davis and his, brothers and sisters was Benjamin Davis who died in 1817 intestate, in Brunswick Co., Va.

In Will Book 9, page 108, Brunswick County, Virginia, is a short account of the estate of Benjamin Davis. The estate account is dated October 28, 1818 and Merritt Davis and his brother William are listed as Executors, presumably as they were the eldest sons. The estate was valued at \$2,349.74 of which Thomas Davis' legacy was \$333.33.

The Brunswick County tax records are replete with mention of Benjamin Davis, my long-lost great grandfather. In 1782, the year of birth of my grandfather, the redoubtable Thomas Davis, there is a listing of 65 acres for Benjamin Davis. In 1784 this was increased to 100 and in 1786 he purchased 99 more acres from a Daniel Mason. In 1787 he is down for 199 acres and by 1805 at 271 acres.

It is known that Benjamin Davis resided in Brunswick County, Virginia, during the Revolutionary War. Apparently he was a man of substance at that time because during the War supplies were impressed into the service of the Army from the property of Benjamin Davis under an Act of the Continental Congress passed in 1780. According to this Act all persons who had given supplies could produce their claims or receipts in the County Court and receive a moderate payment. Tylers Quarterly Magazine of Virginia History, volume 6, page 114, lists the names of those presenting such claims, among them Benjamin Davis whose claim was presented in Court on April 23, 1782. Such a claim entitles one to membership in the Sons of the Revolution or Daughters of the American Revolution on Benjamin Davis' services as a patriot.

In 1817 Benjamin Davis died, his wife having predeceased him.

Thomas Davis may well have been the youngest son of Benjamin Davis, certainly among the younger. He was in Mecklinburg County from 1803 until 1809 when he seems to have left. According to the Census of 1820 in the Archives, Washington, D. C., Thomas Davis was in Bedford County, Tenn., which was formed in 1807 from Rutherford County. Since the Bedford County Court House was burned in 1865, only some of the records remain. However, a petition has been uncovered, signed in 1822, which has the names of most of the inhabitants around Shelbyville—and Thomas Davis is on this list.

While further search would no doubt reveal more of the life of Thomas Davis and no doubt in time the immigrant ancestor of the Davis family would be brought to light, I am content to rest upon these latest revelations. Since Thomas Davis was among the youngest if not the youngest of five sons and there were in addition three daughters, it seems reasonable to place Benjamin Davis' birth date in Virginia at around 1750.

Whether it was Benjamin Davis' father, grandfather or great grandfather who came over from England is not known at this writing. If this research can be completed prior to my 90th anniversary, you may be certain I shall share it with you.

And now—as the Californian who never overlooked an opportunity to speak about his native state—may I, as a loyal and devoted Princetonian, close this last effusion with the final ringing stanzas of my beloved Alma Mater's song:

“Her sons will give
While they shall live
Three cheers . . . for Old . . . Nassau.”

May the same be true of the Davis family as it marches into history.

G. H. D.

Davis Genealogy

1. Thomas Davis—Born July 26, 1782, Clarksville, Mecklenburg Co., Virginia.

Died Sept. 9, 1846, Shelbyville, Bedford Co., Tenn.

FIRST MARRIAGE—No records available, other than several items of Birth, Marriage and Death which appear in a POLYGLOTT Bible published 1840, the property of Thomas Davis and now in possession George H. Davis (13), as listed below. The various entries appearing in said Bible (36 in all) are shown on (Page A) attached hereto.

SECOND MARRIAGE—Nov. 20, 1828, (no record as to place) To:

2. Eliza Stevenson—Born Dec. 25, 1799, Strabane, County Tyrone, Province Ulster, Ireland.

Died Oct. 8, 1878, 714 Jackson St., Peoria, Illinois.

Buried Springdale Cemetery, Peoria.

3 sons, 3 daughters born to above 1-2 marriage, all born in Shelbyville, all died and buried in Peoria, except #1 and #4, who died and were buried in Shelbyville:

3. William Henry Davis, b. Jan. 20, 1830—d. June 9, 1880 (see 3-9).

4. Thomas Stevenson Davis, b. Nov. 30, 1831—d. Sept. 13, 1836—unmarried, no issue.

5. Eliza Jane Davis, b. Feb. 18, 1834—d. Dec. 5, 1852—unmarried, no issue.

6. Sarah Anne Davis, b. May 8, 1837—d. June 11, 1923 (see 6-33).

7. Rebecca Stevenson Davis, b. June 18, 1840—d. Sept. 1, 1854—unmarried, no issue.

8. Robert Stevenson Davis, b. Apr. 20, 1842—d. Oct. 22, 1911 (see 8-61).

3. William Henry Davis MARRIED Dec. 25, 1855 at Peoria, Ill., To:

9. Elizabeth Julia Gosling, b. Sept. 12, 1831, Tournay, France (or Tournai, Belgium)—d. June 23, 1908 at Peoria.

4 sons, 1 daughter born at Peoria to above 3-9 marriage:

10. Wm. H. Davis, Jr., b. Oct. 18, 1856—d. Aug. 4, 1861, unmarried, no issue.

11. James Thomas Davis, b. May 20, 1859—d. Aug. 11, 1861, unmarried, no issue.

12. Adelle Eliza Davis, b. Sept. 26, 1861—d. Oct. 13, 1888, unmarried, no issue.

13. George Henry Davis, b. Nov. 10, 1864 (see 13-15).

14. Charles Merritt Davis, b. Oct. 12, 1866—d. Oct. 30, 1891 (see 14-25).

13. George Henry Davis MARRIED Feb. 4, 1903 at Berkeley, Calif. To:

15. Julia Mabel Cullom, b. Sept. 27, 1877 at Joliet, Ill., Died Mar. 12, 1928 at Peoria.

2 sons born at Peoria to above (13-15) marriage:

16. George Cullom Davis, b. Jan. 13, 1905 (see 16-18).

17. Shelby Cullom Davis, b. April 1, 1909 (see 17-21).

16. George Cullom Davis MARRIED Oct. 27, 1927 at Peoria, To:

18. Mary Elizabeth Scripps, b. Nov. 30, 1903 at Rushville, Ill.

1 daughter, 1 son born to above 16-18 marriage:

19. Mary Locke Davis, b. May 13, 1930 at Peoria.

20. George Cullom Davis, Jr., b. May 2, 1935 at Aurora, Ill.

17. Shelby Cullom Davis MARRIED Jan. 4, 1932 in New York City, To:

21. Kathryn Edith Waterman, b. Feb. 25, 1907 at Philadelphia, Pa.

1 son, 2 daughters born to above 17-21 marriage:

22. Shelby Moore Cullom Davis, b. Mar. 20, 1937, Philadelphia.

23. Diana Cullom Davis, b. Sept. 10, 1938 in Philadelphia.

24. Priscilla Alden Davis, b. June 27, 1942, at Philadelphia, died there June 28, 1942, buried July 3, 1942 in Peoria.

14. Charles Merritt Davis MARRIED May 13, 1890 at Pasadena, Calif., To:

25. Nellie C. Joy, b. June 17, 1870 at Muscatine, Iowa (see 25-29).

One son born to above 14-25 marriage:

26. Charles M. Davis, Jr., b. Jan. 23, 1891 at Canyon City, Colo., d. Apr. 17, 1925 at Long Beach, Calif., buried Pasadena (see 26-27).

26. Charles M. Davis, Jr. MARRIED June 4, 1913 at Pasadena, Calif., To:

27. Elizabeth Ernestine Putnam, b. Dec. 14, 1890 at Pasadena.

One daughter born to above 26-27 marriage:

28. Dorothea Davis, b. Apr. 26, 1916 at Pasadena.

25. Nellie C. (Joy) Davis REMARRIED Aug. 6, 1895, after death of (14), To:

29. Macdougall Snowball, b. May 6, 1866, Chatham, New Brunswick, Canada, d. Dec. 18, 1945, Pasadena.

One daughter born to above 25-29 marriage:

30. Helen Joy Snowball, b. Oct. 2, 1902 at Pasadena (see 30-31).

30. Helen Joy Snowball MARRIED Oct. 29, 1925, at Pasadena, To:

31. Clare D. Hamman, b. Oct. 29, 1902 at Long Beach, Calif.

One daughter (adopted) to above 30-31 marriage:

32. Barbara Joy Hamman, b. June 1, 1931 at Los Angeles, Calif.

6. Sarah Anne Davis, MARRIED Feb. 23, 1858 at Peoria, To:

33. William McDougal, b. June 18, 1825 at Oswego, N. Y.—d. June 10, 1888 at Peoria.

Five sons born in Peoria to above 6-33 marriage:

34. William Barton McDougal, b. Jan. 27, 1859—d. Aug. 27, 1861. Unmarried, no issue.

35. Robert Davis McDougal, b. Sept. 15, 1861—d. Dec. 9, 1941 (see 35-39).

36. Charles Barton McDougal, b. Mar. 7, 1864—d. Oct. 27, 1939. Unmarried, no issue.

37. Thomas Davis McDougal, b. June 3, 1867—d. June 25, 1919, at Peoria (see 37-52).

38. Harry Hubbard McDougal, b. Aug. 25, 1871
(see 38-53).

35. Robert Davis McDougal MARRIED Apr. 30,
1891 at Peoria, To:

39. Virginia Wheeler, b. Apr. 8, 1869—d. Dec. 9,
1901 at Peoria.

1 daughter, 2 sons, all born at Peoria to above
35-39 marriage:

40. Rachel Marian McDougal, b. Mar. 5, 1895—
d. Feb. 16, 1902, at Peoria. No issue.

41. Robert Davis McDougal, Jr., b. Oct. 28, 1896
(see 41-45).

42. Wheeler McDougal, b. Dec. 6, 1901 (see 42-49).

35. Robert Davis McDougal, REMARRIED Mar.
21, 1905 at Peoria, To:

43. Elizabeth (Day) McDonald (widow), b.
Oct. 19, 1870 at Peoria.

1 son born at Peoria to above 35-43 marriage:

44. William Day McDougal, b. Feb. 17, 1906—d. July
23, 1937 at Peoria. Unmarried, no issue.

41. Robert Davis McDougal, Jr. MARRIED June
26, 1920 at Galesburg, Ill., To:

45. Alice Mathews Beadle, b. June 24, 1898 at
Galesburg.

1 daughter, 1 son, each born at Peoria, to above
41-45 marriage:

46. Virginia Anne McDougal, b. Dec. 20, 1922 (see 46-48).

47. Robert Davis McDougal, 3rd, b. Apr. 16, 1925 (see 47-84 Addenda).

46. Virginia Anne McDougal MARRIED Feb. 22, 1945 at Peoria, To:

48. Wm. Barnes, 3rd, b. Nov. 16, 1920 at Decatur, Ill.

1 daughter born at Decatur to above 46-48 marriage:

48a. Letitia Mathews Barnes, b. Aug. 23, 1947 at Decatur.

42. Wheeler McDougal, MARRIED June 2, 1934 at Washington, Ill., To:

49. Kathleen Danforth, b. Sept. 2, 1911 at Washington, Ill.

1 daughter, 1 son born to above 42-49 marriage:

50. Kathleen McDougal, b. Apr. 30, 1937 at Washington, D. C.

51. Wheeler McDougal, Jr., b. Mar. 25, 1940 at Washington, D. C.

37. Thomas Davis McDougal, MARRIED June 15, 1898 at Peoria, To:

52. Eva Hazzard, b. Sept. 7, 1868—d. Sept. 18, 1939 at Peoria. No issue.

38. Harry Hubbard McDougal MARRIED Apr. 16, 1900 at Peoria, To:

53. May Cutter, b. May 13, 1875 at Peoria.

1 son, 1 daughter, both born at Peoria to above 38-53 marriage:

54. Harry Hubbard McDougal, Jr., b. Aug. 18, 1903 (see 54-56).

55. Jane Sarah McDougal, b. Mar. 6, 1908 (see 55-58).

54. Harry Hubbard McDougal, Jr. MARRIED Aug. 21, 1940 at Peoria, To:

56. Eleanor Marianne Hiatt, b. Aug. 19, 1911 at Peoria.

1 (adopted) son to above 54-56 marriage:

57. Dan Hiatt McDougal, b. July 10, 1945 at Washington, D. C.

55. Jane Sarah McDougal MARRIED Nov. 18, 1933 at Peoria, To:

58. William Ruel Johnson, Jr., b. Jan. 30, 1906 at Delta, Colorado.

1 daughter, 1 son, both born at Peoria to above 55-58 marriage:

59. Sarah Jane Johnson, b. Oct. 6, 1936.

60. William Ruel Johnson, 3rd, b. May 24, 1940.

8. Robert Stevenson Davis, MARRIED Sept. 1, 1870 at Peoria, To:

61. Camilla Luther, b. Jan. 8, 1849 at Peoria, d. at Peoria, Feb. 12, 1899.

2 daughters, 1 son, all born at Peoria to above 8-61 marriage:

62. Nellie Louise Davis, b. March 1, 1872 (see 62-65).

63. Howard Luther Davis, b. Nov. 22, 1874, d. Mar. 8, 1943 at Los Angeles, buried at Denver (see 63-66).

64. Vida Davis, b. Oct. 16, 1877 (see 64-74).

62. Nellie Louise Davis, MARRIED Feb. 7, 1907 at Peoria, To:

65. Charles Macklin, b. Dec. 30, 1866 at Olathe, Kan., d. Nov. 8, 1945 at Los Angeles. No issue from above 62-65 marriage.

63. Howard Luther Davis, MARRIED Feb. 1, 1902 at Peoria, To:

66. Jessie Kennedy, b. Apr. 4 (?) in Peoria, d. Nov. 11, 1922.

2 sons, 1 daughter born at Peoria to above 63-66 marriage:

67. Howard Davis, b. Feb. 5, 1903 (see 67-70).

68. Robert Davis, b. Feb. 5, 1903 (see 68-71).

69. Margaret Camilla Davis, b. Feb. 11, 1906, d. Oct. 18, 1909 at Peoria.

67. Howard Davis, MARRIED Feb. 4, 1930 at Denver, To:

70. Virginia (?), b. Jan. 4, 1905 at Little Rock, Ark. (No known issue from above 67-70 marriage.)

68. Robert Davis, MARRIED Apr. 28, 1923 at Denver, To:

71. Hazel Dorothy Seburn, b. Jan. 9, 1905 at Ward, Colorado.

2 sons born at Denver to above 68-71 marriage:

72. Robert Newell Davis, b. Oct. 1, 1925.

73. Richard Davis, b. Sept. 12, 1928.

64. Vida Davis, MARRIED Dec. 31, 1896 at Peoria, To:

74. William E. Loucks, b. (?) at Peoria.

(Divorce subsequently granted to (64)—see 64-76).

1 daughter born at Peoria to above 64-74 marriage:

75. Vivienne Loucks, b. Feb. 5, 1900 (see 75-77).

64. Vida (Davis) Loucks, REMARRIED May 12, 1904 at Peoria, To:

76. Clyde Berkstresser (Name subsequently changed to Berk.) b. July 27, 1865 at Dayton, Ohio, d. Apr. 12, 1944 at Sydney, Australia. No issue.

75. Vivienne Loucks, MARRIED July 4, 1921 at Sydney, To:

77. Victor Audette, b. Oct. 3, 1895 in Minnesota, d. Mar. 7, 1933 at Sydney.

2 sons, 2 daughters born Sydney to above 75-77 marriage:

78. Robert Berk Audette, b. Jan. 24, 1923. (See 78-83)

79. Vida Camilla Audette, b. June 26, 1924.
80. Bernard Berk Audette, b. Aug. 2, 1928.
81. Vivienne Yvonne Audette, b. Apr. 22, 1930.
75. Vivienne (Loucks) Audette, REMARRIED Feb. 2, 1937 at Sydney, To:
82. William Russel Hauslaib, b. May 1898 at Bucyrus, Ohio.
78. Robert Berk Audette, MARRIED Aug. 15, 1945 at Sydney, To:
83. Noni Rich, b. June 25, 1923 at Sydney.

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47. Robert Davis McDougal, MARRIED Aug. 31, 1949 at Chicago, To:
84. Virginia Lucretia Dodge, b. Dec. 29, 1928 at Chicago.

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 36. Henry Yandell, Sept. 24, 1833
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1840.

This Bible contains four partially filled pages of Family Record of the family of Thomas Davis and his second wife, Eliza (Stevenson) Davis, and itemized as follows:

Page 1— 6 marriages
Page 2— 6 births (1 unknown) 1st marriage
Page 2— 7 births 2nd marriage (1 duplicated)
Page 3— 1 birth (Thomas Davis, Sr.)
Page 3— 5 births (children of W. H. Davis)
Page 4—12 deaths

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1 duplication
36 net items

FAMILY RECORD

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Marriages

1. Thomas Davis and Eliza Stevenson,
Nov. 20, 1828
6. Wm. H. Davis and Eliza. J. Gosling,
Dec. 25, 1855

Marriages

2. Clementina Rose Davis and A. H. White,
August , 1829
3. Marthy E. Davis and H. Yandell,
Sept. 5, 1833
4. Hariet M. Davis and Wm. Brame,
July 9, 1835
5. Mary T. Davis and Dr. John Ford,
Nov. 24, 1835

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Births*

7. Clementina R. Davis, Dec. 18, 1813
8. Marthy E. Davis, Jan. 3, 1818
9. Hariet M. Davis, Jan. 6, 1820
10. Mary Thomas Davis, Mar. 28, 1821
11. Benjamin Merritt Davis, 8/29/22
12. Paulina W. Chilcot, Sept. 8, 1810

Births**

13. William H. Davis, Jan. 20, 1830
14. Thomas S. Davis, Nov. 30, 1831
15. Eliza Jane Davis, Feb. 18, 1834
16. Sarah A. Davis, May 1, 1837
17. Rebecca L. Davis, June 18, 1840
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Appendix B.

THE DAVIS COAT OF ARMS

The Davis Coat of Arms, as shown earlier, is the one Described in Burke's General Armory, Burke's Landed Gentry, Burke's Peerage and Baronetage. Crozier, in his General Armory, records it for Dolor Davis, who settled in Massachusetts, 1634, and for branches resident in Washington, D. C., Kentucky, etc. It has been used for generations by their descendants and by many other American branches of the Davis family.

	<i>Heraldic Language</i>	<i>English Description</i>
Arms	Gules, a chevron engrailed between 3 boar's heads erased argent	A chevron between 3 silver boar's heads on a red shield.
Crest	On a chapeau gules, turned up ermine, a boar statant	A boar standing upon a red hat with a turned up ermine brim.
Motto	Virtute duce comite fortune	Under the guidance of value, accompanied by good fortune

The boar's head was once the chief dish at Christmas feasts in palace and castle. When England's sovereigns kept Christmas of yore in their noble halls at Guilford, Eltham, Westminster or Windsor in high estate, arrayed with crown and sceptre, clothed in ermine and surrounded by their wondering subjects—it was brought to their table with great ceremony. The introduction of the great dish was accompanied by music and singing.

Reference: Davis Family records by J. Montgomery Seaver, Published by American Historical Genealogical Society, 2500 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa.





